From Echoes of Yesterday For Bench Creek

Bench Creek

DAIRYING

In 1868 a cheese factory was established by John Pack, Sr. and sons, which was operated for many years; the products of the same being hauled by team to Salt Lake City and distributed there or shipped to other points. At one time a cheese from this factory made by Mrs. John Pack, Jr., took the first prize at the State Fair in Salt Lake City. Later a creamery was established and operated for some years by the Mutual Creamery Co. of Salt Lake City. It was finally sold to the Brooklawn Creamery Co., but afterwards went out of operation in Kamas. Kamas at present is considered by those who are posted on the subject to be one of the very finest dairy sections in the State for this purpose. The cool climate, the abundant pasture and good water are all that could be desired. The hay is of the best quality. Salt Lake dairymen are always glad to get cream from this valley and use it in

Alma Warr was another pioneer in the merchantile business Later John Carpenter operated a store. His business was purchased by R. L. King. At present his son, Virgil King, is the manager of King's store.

Other mercantile companies of the present are Hoyt Bros. Mercantile, Kamas Valley Meat and Grocery, Mr. and Mrs. David Corner, proprietors, the Holt Confectionery and the Simpson Drug.

BANKING

The Kamas State Bank was organized in Nov., 1909. First officers were John B. Hoyt, President; Samuel W. Stewart, Vice-President; R. W. Barnes, Cashier; R. L. King, John G. M. Barnes, John Pack, Jr., James A. Knight, T. A. Dannenberg, directors.

The first Post Office was in the fort in the home of George B. Leonard, who was postmaster. The mail was carried three times a week from Echo, a distance of thirty-five

miles. William Woolstenhulme was the first carrier. Later the mail was brought from Heber once a week (1879) and still later from Wanship. At the present time it comes from Park City, the nearest Railroad point. The post office is now housed in a modern building on Main Street.

SERVICE STATIONS AND GARAGES

George W. Butler was proprietor of the first garage and service station in Kamas. He sold to Mitchell Galton in 1946. Taylor and Taylor garage was operated for some time under the management of Moses W. Taylor. It is now owned and operated by Crandall and Walker. Harold Butler also has a garage and service station on Main street.

I. W. Fitzgerald has an auto display room also on Main Street. Service stations are: Mirror Lake Service, Harold Kihlstrom, proprietor, and Washington Lake Service, Earl Jones, operator; Dave Johnson, owner.

The State Road Equipment buildings are located on south main street. The Coffee Shop Cafe managed by Ralph Coatz, is located on main street. Kamas Valley Cannery occupies the building owned by the town of Kamas. Part of this lot is occupied by the Kamas Town Hall. The Kamas frozen foods plant owned by William Sweeney furnishes four hundred and twenty lockers for use of South Summit residents. Vern Davis barber shop and Lewis Beauty Salon are also on main street. Lavere Holt operates an electric repair and supply shop. William Burbidge, a shoe repair shop. Our Pool Hall is the Kamas Klub, Herman Crystal, proprietor

HOTELS

Ruth Pack operated a boarding house and hotel in her home on the west side of town for a number of years. Afterward Lucy Williams did the same in her home on North Main Street; later she built the present Summit Hotel. The Cottage Hotel was built by Jesse R. Burbidge. It was burned to the ground in February, 1932. Rufus Pack at one time ran a hotel in the old Ward E. Pack residence on the west side.

BLACKSMITHING

Nearly the first, if not the first, blacksmith shop was owned by Ward E. Pack. Others continued this business, William Dillon being one of the early day blacksmiths. Victor Mc-